

a. holding an informational meeting on 10/15. The meeting is supposed to be only for retailers and restaurant owners to answer questions that the business owners have had about the proposal. A public hearing is still planned for 12/12 to discuss the proposed bans on self-service displays and smoking in restaurants. Bob Stone requests that we notify retailers and restaurant owners to attend the meeting and oppose the bans.

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From: Stone, Robert J.
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DRACUT-The BOH has sent letters requesting retailers and restaurant owners to meet with them on Friday, 11/15 @ 10:00 am & 2:00 pm respectively.

This will be an informational meeting with the BOH agent and the tobacco control collaborative representatives prior to the public hearing which has been scheduled for 12/12 @ 7:00 pm.

FOXBOROUGH-BOH has scheduled a second meeting @ 9:00 pm on 11/18 to continue discussion on retail regulation revisions. We have sent revisions as requested by Mary Ellen Bartick(Coountry Emporium) to her for presentation to the BOH. WK&A has sent notification letters to partisans requesting them to attend.

HOPKINTON-BOH has scheduled a meeting on 11/19 @ 7:30 pm to continue their discussion on comprehensive regulations. Our sources indicate that very few changes have been made to the original draft although partisans expressed dismay over the proposal. We have requested WK&A to notify all partisans to attend this meeting.

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ORLEANS-BOH has scheduled a public hearing on public places/work places smoking regulations for 11/20 @ 7:00 pm. This is a result of a non-binding question that was on the Nov. 5th ballot in which 74%(2464) voters said YES and 26%(871) voters said NO to the question: "I support the Orleans Board of Health's proposed regulation to establish smoke-free environments in public places and in the work place." All 5 members of the BOH urged a YES vote following the text.

NORWOOD-BOH has scheduled a public hearing on additional tobacco control regulations for 12/3 @ 7:30 pm-we have requested a copy of their proposal.

SPRINGFIELD-The City Council has referred another retail tobacco control ordinance

to the 3-member subcommittee on Public Health and Safety.

The chairman, Barbara Garde has been quoted as being in support of the ordinance along with Mayor Albano. However, several city councilors are expressing caution so not to harm businesses in this city near the

CT. border. We have forwarded a copy of the proposal to WK&A and have proposed several alternatives for consideration. The sub-committee has said that they will solicit opinions from the community, including businesses before a Public Hearing date is established.

The Boston Herald did carry a story on the Massachusetts Restaurant Association's press conferences concerning their study which exposes job loss where a severe smoking ban is enacted in specified communities. Copies sent to coalition partners.

Tom Littleton's New England Wholesale Marketers group did a mailing on the impact of legislation in Massachusetts being more anti-business & anti-tobacco throughout 1996.

Best Regards,
Bob

CC: Macleod, Stephen

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